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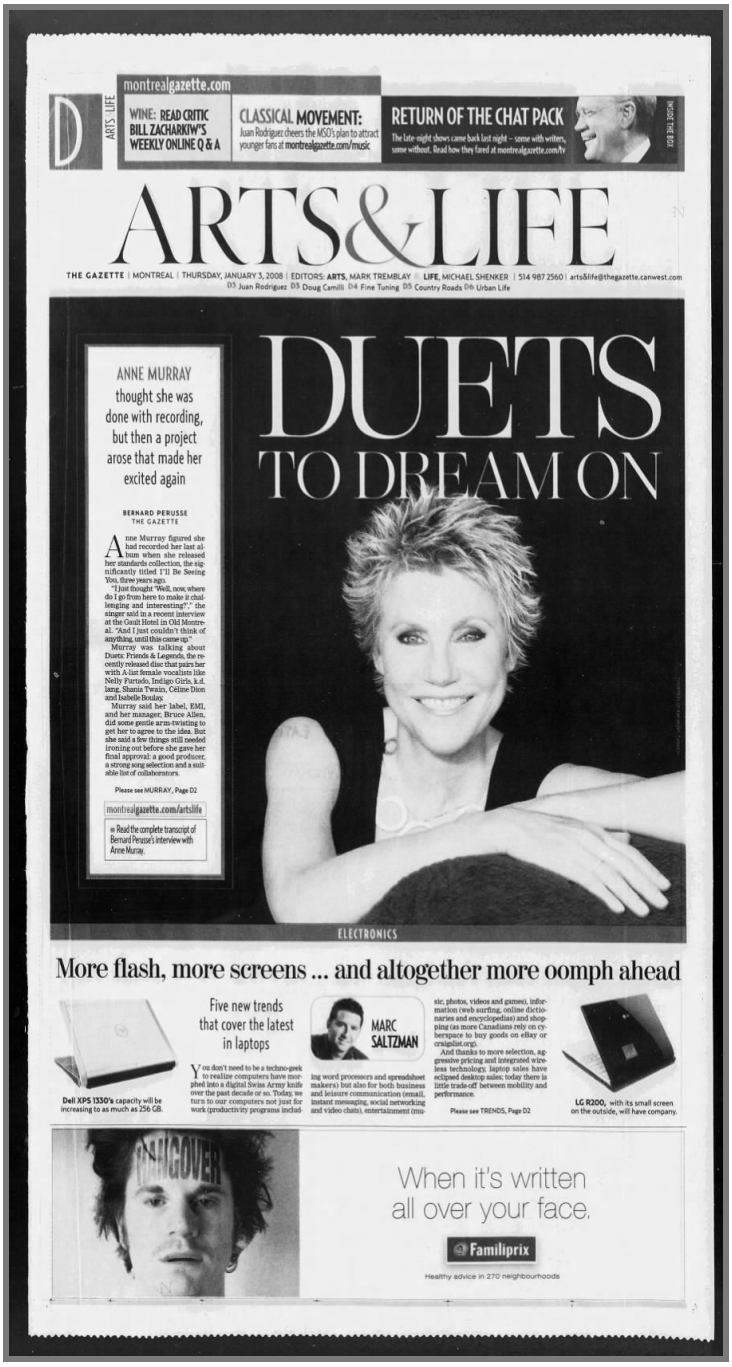

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## DUETS TO DREAM ON

ANNE MURRAY thought she was done with recording, but then a project arose that made her excited again

BERNARD PERUSSE
THE GAZETTE

Anne Murray figured she had recorded her last album when she released her standards collection, the significantly titled I'll Be Seeing You, three years ago.

"I just thought "Well, now, where do I go from here to make it challenging and interesting?," the singer said in a recent interview at the Gault Hotel in Old Montreal. "And I just couldn't think of anything, until this came up."

Murray was talking about Duets: Friends & Legends, the recently released disc that pairs her with A-list female vocalists like Nelly Furtado, Indigo Girls, k.d. lang, Shania Twain, Céline Dion and Isabelle Boulay.

Murray said her label, EMI, and her manager, Bruce Allen, did some gentle arm-twisting to get her to agree to the idea. But she said a few things still needed ironing out before she gave her final approval: a good producer, a strong song selection and a suitable list of collaborators.

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ELECTRONICS

## More flash, more screens ... and altogether more oomph ahead

Five new trends that cover the latest in laptops

MARC SALTZMAN

You don't need to be a techno-geek to realize computers have morphed into a digital Swiss Army knife over the past decade or so. Today, we turn to our computers not just for work (productivity programs including word processors and spreadsheet makers) but also for both business and leisure communication (email, instant messaging, social networking and video chats), entertainment (music, photos, videos and games), information (web surfing, online dictionaries and encyclopedias) and shopping (as more Canadians rely on cyberspace to buy goods on eBay or craigslist.org).

And thanks to more selection, aggressive pricing and integrated wireless technology, laptop sales have eclipsed desktop sales; today there is little trade-off between mobility and performance.

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